

~~means for transmitting response criteria, including a playback facility for playing back said response criteria recording;~~

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~~means for receiving said played back response criteria, and means for evaluating an entered response, said receiving means being coupled to means for evaluating an entered response in accordance with said response criteria to determine whether it is an acceptable response; and~~

~~means for informing audience members who have entered an acceptable response.~~

REMARKS

In the Official Action, Claims 1 - 191 were subject to a restriction requirement based on species of invention directed to various figures as set forth by the examiner. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the species of invention disclosed in Fig. 32 and practiced as taught in Fig. 37.

All of the claims 1 - 191 are readable on Fig. 32. However, with respect to the elected species of the combination of Figs. 32 and 37, the following independent claims are readable thereon, namely: 1, 32, 38, 54, 62 - 65, 67, 69 - 71, 74, 75, 77, 79 - 90, 92, 152 - 155, 157 - 161, 166 - 172, 174 - 178, 181, and 187; and the following dependent claims are readable thereon, namely: 2, 3, 5 - 7, 11 - 20, 25 - 31, 33-37, 39 - 53, 93/54 (multiple dependency), 95/64, 95/67, 95/70, 95/71, 98/62, 99/67, 100/62, 100/70, 106/62, 106/64, 112/54, 112/62, 116/71, 116/72, 116/73, 116/75, 117, 118, 120 - 123, 126/62, 127/126/62, 135/70, 135/71, 136/80, 136/81, 136/82, 136/83, 136/84, 137/80, 137/81, 137/82, 137/83, 137/84, 138/79, 138/80, 138/81, 139/138/79, 139/138/80, 139/138/81, 140 - 142, 148/84, 148/87, 148/88, 149/81, 149/82, 149/83, 149/84, 150/81, 150/82, 150/83, 151/150/81, 151/150/82, and 151/150/83.

Fig. 37 deals with a practice of the invention wherein response criteria are transmitted to a central facility, such as the hub 1018, to enable a central evaluation of a respondent's response. The teaching of Fig. 38 is similar to that of Fig. 37, except that the station 1004 is bypassed for a direct transmission of a task to a respondent. Figs. 40 and 39 correspond to Figs. 37 and 38, respectively, but differ in the provision of both task and criteria signals to the respondent for use by the respondent's entering means to accomplish a local evaluation of a response rather than the central evaluation of Figs. 37 and 38.

Many of the elected claims cover not only the procedure of Fig. 37 but also the procedures of other ones of the Figs. 38 - 40 and, as such, are generic to more than one species of invention. The nonelected claims have limitations directed to a feature found in one or more of Figs. 38 - 40, but not found in Fig. 37.

During a study of the claims for preparation of this response, various informalities were noticed, and have been corrected in the present amendment.

The foregoing response is believed to meet all the points raised by the Examiner so as to place the claims in condition for examination. If any of the matters raised in the Action or any further matters have not been adequately resolved by this response, a telephone interview between Applicant's representative and the Examiner is requested in order to resolve any such outstanding matters.

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